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In re application of : Bruno BORSOI

Application No. : 09/986,305

Mail Stop Amendment
Group Art Unit : 3764

Filed : November 8, 2001

Examiner : Huong Q. Pham

For : JOINT PROTECTIVE ARTICLE

Mail Stop Amendment

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 to the Office Action of June 18, 2004** in the above-captioned application.

- Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
 A Request for Extension of Time.
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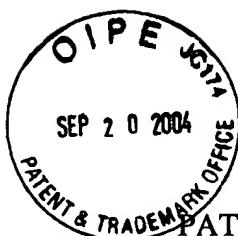
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**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.111
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Sir:

In reply to the non-final Office action dated June 18, 2004, the shortened statutory period for reply extending to Monday, September 20, 2004, please enter the following amendment.

For reasons explained in the "Remarks" section, below, Applicant submits that he has placed the instant application in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, upon entry of the amendment, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.